

A DEAR SWINDLE AGAIN AT WORK.

Franklin Syndicate Pays 500 Per Cent to Customers?

PROMISES IMPOSSIBLE.

Stock Exchange Reveals Scheme by Which the Gullible Are to Lose.

The New York Stock Exchange has made investigations concerning the business done by William F. Miller, manager of the "Franklin Syndicate," whose offices are conducted in a three-room flat at 144 Floyd street, Brooklyn, and finds that the scheme in no wise differs from the plan pursued by the late E. S. Dean Co., now under indictment in the United States courts.

The proof of the Franklin Syndicate scheme lies in the eating, for it vouches to its customers the unprecedented and impossible profit of \$100 a week on a thousand dollars entrusted to it. This the Stock Exchange regards as prima facie evidence of fraudulent intent. Therefore, through the Journal, it proposes to tell what it has found out.

The literature is both enticing and convincing. In the centre of his letter heads is a picture of the great philosopher of common sense, Benjamin Franklin, and underneath it is the quotation from the writings of the sage:

"The way to wealth is as plain as the road to market."

Miller does not say whether he means the road to the stock market, but the latter is left to the reader's imagination.

The letter head further shows that both his residence and his place of business are one and the same. This is a small flat of three rooms and a bath at 144 Floyd street, Brooklyn. It is not in the least a conspicuous or pretentious place. The Franklin Syndicate's expenses are not over \$200 a month.

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They identified Jackson as the man who had assaulted them, and Magistrate Flannery held the negro in \$1,000 bail for trial.

A BURGLAR HUNT STIRS BRIDGEPORT.

Four Noted Desperadoes Caught After an Exciting Chase.

ONE IS A MURDERER.

Citizens at Midnight Pursue the Men with Lanterns and Firearms.

Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 12.—Four hold-up burglars were captured here last night and this morning.

The pursuit of one of them led the police into the residence section of this city, and the neighborhood, with lanterns and revolvers, joined in a search through shrubbery for the concealed desperado.

Assistant Superintendent George S. Dougherty, of Pinkerton's New York Detective Agency, recognized the four men on the street last night, and Chief of Police Birmingham loaned him three officers to capture them. Three of the criminals were overpowered by the detectives in front of Shelton's drug store, but the fourth broke away.

Avenues of escape were closed, and although the man hunt in the hedges proved unsuccessful, Policeman Marco finally caught him on a trolley car bound for Fairfield this morning. The prisoners were fully armed and were remarkably well dressed.

Some of the prisoners are wanted for a hold-up at the Massachusetts Electric Company's car barns, at Portsmouth, R. I., on July 30 last. On that night eight masked men entered the barns and covered the several conductors there with their revolvers. They took the conductors' day receipts—tried to blow open the company's safe with nitro-glycerine. The robbers then rowed to an island near by, and can be identified by the men hired to take the boat to the mainland next day.

The most desperate prisoner is Arthur G. Vaughn, alias "St. Paul King," who is twenty-two years old. He escaped from a court room in San Francisco, where he was being tried for highway robbery, in 1885.

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THE WEST SIDE BURGLARS.

Two Men Are Arrested and a Search Reveals Much Jewelry and Nineteen Pawn Tickets.

In the arrest of Raymond Boardman and Louis Schwartz, the police of the West Sixty-eighth street station believe they have solved some of the many West Side robberies.

On the men were found six gold-filled watches and nineteen pawn tickets. The tickets were, for the most part, for clothing and cheap jewelry.

The men say they are agents for a jeweler, but could not explain the possession of the pawn tickets. There have been many fast robberies on the West Side during the past two months.

The men were remanded from the West Side Police Court in the hope that some of the owners of lost property might identify that taken from the men.

Moore Must Answer for Murder. Richard Moore, of No. 133 West Twenty-fourth street, the colored man who is accused of having struck Daniel F. Martin, a well-known actor, who was killed by a bullet, inflicted injuries which resulted fatally, was committed to the custody of the Coroner by Magistrate Cornell, in the Jefferson Market Court yesterday.

him in joint debate, but has not manifested the slightest inclination to accept.

Monday Governor Tyler will make his first speech of the campaign. This will be at Wytheville, in the southwestern part of the State. It is believed that he will denounce Senator Martin's political methods and give highly interesting facts connected with the manner in which Mr. Martin, an unknown country lawyer, caused the defeat of the most popular man in Virginia.

Asks Police to Find Her Husband. Mrs. Margaret Owens, of No. 35 Moffat street, Brooklyn, reported to the police at Headquarters this afternoon that her husband, Charles Van Wyck Owens, fifty years old, is missing. On July 17 she says he left home, saying he was going to the Pennsylvania Railroad ferry in Jersey City. He had a diamond ring and a gold watch and chain with a diamond locket with him.

Brooklyn Brevities. John J. Leary, a ship's carpenter, employed on the cruiser Buffalo, at the Navy Yard, fell to the deck of the ship from a rope ladder yesterday afternoon and was instantly killed.

By the collision of a Smith street car and one of the Nassau line, at Adams and High streets, yesterday afternoon, the leg of Salvatore Ferraro, a husband, was broken. He was taken to Brooklyn Hospital.

Smith Shaw, of Elton street and New Lots road, is in Raymond Street Jail charged with murderously attacking his stepdaughter, Emma Douglas, fourteen years old. The child is in St. Mary's Hospital with a fractured skull and numerous bruises.

The funeral services for Colonel William E. Sinn will be held in Plymouth Church at 2 p. m. today. The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott was expected to conduct the services, which will be held at 2 p. m. and his place will be taken by the Rev. W. B. Allen, assistant pastor of Plymouth.

Patrolman Patrick De Loughery, accused of holding up the passengers on a Coney Island car at the point of a pistol, was arraigned before Police Commissioner York yesterday. Several testified against him. De Loughery said that he saw a rough-looking crowd of men on the rear seats, and jumped on the forward end and drew his revolver to frighten them. The case was adjourned until next Tuesday.

BITTER FIGHT FOR A VIRGINIA TOGA.

Contest Promises to Be One of the Most Sensational in Years.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 12.—The personality and bitterness in the Virginia Senatorial campaign has reached a point where sensational developments are quite sure to follow.

Leath of the lease of the machine, backed by all the officeholders, including the highest judiciary.

The most observant party leaders say that the Virginia Democracy is standing upon a volcano, which may soon cause another such eruption as that about by Mahone in 1878.

The most sensational feature of the campaign is the publication to-day of a letter from Governor Tyler, in which he charges that Senator Martin's friend approached him in the contest against Lee, in 1893, with a proposition to influence a number of votes for Martin.

The Governor declares that he indignantly rejected the proposition, asserting that he did not own any members of the Virginia Legislature, and could not, of course, bribe them.

Thus far both Martin and Tyler have kept off the stump. Martin has been repeatedly challenged by Congressman Jones to meet

MOSS STARTS A POOL ROOM RAID.

Makes Policeman Leours "Pull" the Calumet Club and Then Drops Out.

Frank Moss, the counsel of the Mazet Committee, who has his office in the Bennett Building overlooking the first floor of No. 141 Fulton street, discovered recently while at his window that a stream of men was constantly passing into the first door, and decided that a pool room was running in full blast under his nose. He considered that this fact contained an equal percentage of insult and injury.

Leaving his office yesterday afternoon, after hatching out things for the Mazet Committee to do next September, Mr. Moss walked up Fulton street, where he met Police Officer Leours, who was recently assigned to that beat.

"Mr. Officer," spoke up the Mazet counsel, "you are aware that there is a pool room running at No. 141, are you not?" "Want?" cried Leours in astonishment. "A pool room on my beat? Not on your life!"

"There is, all the same," continued Mr. Moss, "and it is right up there," pointing with his index finger. The bluecoat followed the direction of the finger. Then he blew his whistle as loud as he could blow it, and four or five policemen came running to his assistance.

"Say, boys," he said, "I'm told there is a pool room at No. 141. This thing has got to stop. Follow me."

The policemen rushed up the stairs into the room, where they found a group of men by an organization calling itself the Calumet Club. There were about seventy-five men in the room. Zachariah Harris, the president, sat in the chair of honor. Solomon Raynor, the vice-president, was seated at a small table. They said a business session of the organization was in progress.

"What in thunder are you doing here?" demanded President Harris. The policemen looked about them in surprise.

"Mr. Frank Moss says this is a pool room," said Leours, "and we thought we would come up and pull you."

"If you are going to arrest me," said Harris, "do so."

"I don't know about that," responded Leours. "All I know is that you're pulled. I shall not do anything until I hear from Captain Vredenburg."

Then the policeman telephoned to Police Headquarters to announce that he had captured an alleged poolroom, and that he wanted to know what he should do with it. A message to this effect was sent to the Oak street police station and Captain Vredenburg sent a patrolman, Detective Hahn and three men around to the place. By that time Fulton street was blocked with curious onlookers. Mr. Moss stood at the other side of the street looking like the leader of a stage mob who had misled his cue.

"an holding the fort all right," said Policeman Leours to Hahn. "My force was not strong enough to catch them all, and about fifty got out of the windows. There are twenty-five left, however."

Then Hahn sent Leours over to confer with Mr. Moss and ask him if he would prosecute.

"Certainly not," said Mr. Moss indignantly. "I have done my duty to the body politic in this room. Ward Detective Hahn called off the raid and discharged all the prisoners."

Business Notices. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR children teething; softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle.

Brass Bedstead, of very elaborate design, with very heavy cast brass pillars, mounts, vases and rails; handsome canopy and bow feet; extra length; our latest model; excellent 69.00

Hotel Furnishings a Specialty. Dining-Room Chair, with armchair to match, in golden oak, hand-rubbed finish, fancy back, box cane seat, strong frame; Dining Chair only 2.00

Arm Chair only 3.50

Library Bookcase, in the popular Flemish oak, with rich carvings throughout; cabinet work of the best, heavy plate doors, 5 adjustable shelves, superior workmanship and finish in every particular. 13.90

Roll-Top Desk of exceptionally fine make and finish, in selected golden oak, cabinet work perfect in every detail, 7 large drawers in base, complete desk interior with letter boxes, &c., all improvements; large size and assortment for any office; low priced at 27.90

A complete line of Kitchen Utensils of all descriptions at very low prices; also Crockery, Glassware, Silverware, Woodenware and Cutlery.

Dining-Room Extension Table, in golden oak, with polish finish, massive turned legs; excellent workmanship and desirable designs; 6 feet long when opened 5.75

Picture Frames made to order. No extra charge for joining and fitting. 89

Go-Cart, of fine construction, body made of solid oak, either varnished or painted in forest green, patent hubs on wheels; brake, for only 2.48

Ladies' Rocker, of very excellent design; strongly made; superior finish; closely woven seat and back of selected reed of best quality; durability unequalled. 3.50

Five-piece Parlor Suit, covered in special satin tapestry, fine silk fringe, arms, seat and back in tapestry, tops and fronts in silk plush, \$72.00; others upward from 12.00

Special Sale of Couches. The Couch Sale still continues. The largest assortment of Couches, Davenports and Lounges ever exhibited still attracts deserved attention. This department, taxed to its utmost during the past week, is stocked with the best and newest goods in the city, offered at actual wholesale prices. Selection becomes simple when economy and elegance characterize every piece. Prices range from \$100 to 3.00

Special Sale of Dressers. An unequalled variety. Numberless styles, of all grades and sorts. All in golden oak, of new patterns, plain or ornamental, as preferred, and of exceptionally good make and finish. Typical values are those here represented, which in point of price and quality cannot be excelled. Retail dealers as well as our patrons may equally share the advantages which our enormous purchase brought. It's the chance of a lifetime. A first-class Golden Oak Dresser during this sale for 6.95

Antique Oak lower Rack; this rack has 22 1/2 feet of line surface, hardwood, in white; the frame is finished in antique oak; it takes up very little space; size 37 in. high, 32 1/2 in. long; will be sold as long as they last, for .95

Nickel-Plated Alarm Clock, perfect movement, easily regulated; good bell, .58

Our Charge Account System. An inestimable boon to those of moderate means and a liking for comfortable homes. Investigate its merits. Terms to suit every body's purse.

Catalogues. Send 10c. for our 500-page catalogue, "Guide to Housekeeping." Weighs 2 lbs., costs 10c. to mail, but we stand the difference. Send 2c. for separate catalogue. colors and gold, worth \$3.75; only 1.98

Comfortables and Bedspreads. 27 Bales full size Comfortables, all filled with white cotton, at .85

THE WORLD'S UNIVERSAL PROVIDERS. Ludwig Baumann & Company. 8th Ave. from 35th to 36th St., New York, And NEW ANNEX, 260 to 268 West 36th St.

Arm Chair, with frame of oak or maple in excellent finish, closely woven cane seat, strong joints, exceptional value for 2.75

Special Sale of Sideboards. A splendid opportunity, seized at the right moment! Result, an unusually advantageous purchase and consequent cut rates on a quantity of excellent sideboards. Retail dealers as well as our patrons have choice of these handsome dining-room necessities of many artistic designs. Each individual piece is finely carved, perfect in point of detail and quality, new style, and with large plain or bevelled mirrors and brass trimmings. This is but one 9.25 of the many bargains . . .

Pier Mirror of attractive style and desirable design. Large mirror of heavy bevelled plate (40x18), Tennessee marble slab; bric-a-brac shelf at base. Frame in excellent mahogany finish. Only 7.75

Real Point de Calais Curtains, 3 1-2 yards long; extra value \$3.98; special, per pair. 2.49

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Fall Styles at Cut Prices. Large, Comfortable Rocker, extra size, over 4 feet in height and correspondingly strong, well made, frame of white maple, seat and back of woven reed, a decided bargain for this week only. 1.20

Ladies' Rocker, with frame of white maple in natural finish, carved top and strongly made; splint seat, very durable and desirable at our price. 75

Large Arm Chair of Reed and willow; roll-over arms and top, lattice back; strong frame throughout; with cushions to fit of figured velvet, tufted. 5.50

Library Table, massive and elegant, choice design, superior finish, in fine golden oak, hand-carved and with hand-rubbed polish finish, two drawers, superior workmanship throughout; special at . . . 26.75

Tabourettes, twisted legs, eardrop prisms, octagonal top; first-class make and finish; excellent value for this week only. .69

Railroad Fare allowed out-of-town buyers. Freight paid within 500 miles on all purchases of \$5.00 or over. We pack goods safely.

Chiffonier of new and attractive model, in golden oak finish, five drawers, carved gallery, brass handle trimmings, a bargain at 3.98

Cameras and Supplies at very low prices. For this week we offer a camera like illustration, size 4x5, including carrying case and strap and 1 double plate holder, at the unheard-of price. 6.98